

# THE GLEICHEN CALL



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## St. Gutrath Killed on The Italian Front

Word was received last week by Mrs. St. Gutrath that her husband had been killed in action in Italy. "Stig" as he was familiarly called, is the first Gleichen man to be killed in the present war. Stig was born in Solvayberg, Austria, in 1900. He came to Calgary with his parents when he was ten years old, and two years later arrived in Gleichen. He was educated by the local public and high schools and was confirmed in St. Victoria's church. Surviving are his widow, Vera and two daughters aged 8 and 11 of Calgary, his mother, Mrs. St. Gutrath, 4501 St. B. C. Road, in Calgary, and his brother, Johnnie in England the latter two with the Canadian Army; six sisters. Before calling Stig's loss for some time he was a member of the 1st 22nd Battalion and became so efficient that he was an expert gunner. Seized with the desire to enlist and get into the fight as soon as possible he joined the Calgary Highlanders early in 1940 and in the latter part of that year proceeded overseas.

Stig had the most amiable disposition. His face was perpetually wreathed in a smile and was well liked by all who knew him.



The chapel of a 17 century monastery was used by the Allies as an operating theatre on the Italian front. Casualties were brought there by ambulance from the battle area less than a mile distant to be treated before being taken to nearby airfields and evacuated to base hospitals by transport aircraft. In the 30 hours following the setting up of the casualty centre 17 abdominal operations were performed. The monastery was built in 1624. Photo shows: After treatment a wounded soldier is carried from the chapel to the ambulance which will take him to the airfield for evacuation by R.A.F. transport. A large Red Cross of butting is draped over the roof of the chapel. In the foreground are piles of stretchers.

## Items From The Battery

(By Battery Reporter)

The sudden death of Sgt. Major Norman McLeod in Russia on January 3rd, came as a shock to all members of the unit. He was one of the originals of the Husar Troop; in fact, it was through his endeavor that a troop was formed at that point. His interest never flagged and his leadership among the men was more and more appreciated as time went on by his immediate superior Lieut. Rogers and also by all the officers and N.C.O.s, and men of the battery. Sgt. Major McLeod was a veteran of the last war and served from 1915 to 1919. He was a N.C.O. in the Machine Gun Corps. In private life he was a Pool Elevator agent at Husar and previously was stationed at Milo. His many friends and all of us in the unit extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. McLeod in her bereavement.

The parade at Husar on Wednesday was cancelled owing to the death of the Sgt. Major.

The members of the second Twenty Second, extend sincere sympathy to the mother and widow of Sgt. Gutzlaff who was killed on the field of battle in Italy. Sig was a member of the First 22nd and was a good Battery Commander's Assistant. He is the first of the unit to die in action during this war.

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## THE CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS

An unforeseen by-product of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan may be an unusual flood of visitors to the national parks of Canada after the war according to park officials. Enthusiasm for the parks expressed by airmen in Canada who have been fortunate enough to spend leave or reconnoitering periods in them and who are carrying their praise to all parts of the world has led to this result.

Despite travel on an unprecedented scale is expected after the war. This will be due in part to the desire for travel which is being stimulated by the reports about the national parks which are attaining a status of the world, and in part to the reports about the national parks which are attaining a status of the world, and in part to the reports about the national parks which are attaining a status of the world.

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## News Items of Local Interest

Sgt. A. W. Riddell of Vulcan was home for the New Year holidays.

Miss Francis Woods and Miss H. Gilbert have returned home from Bradford, Ont., where they have been working in a factory making impregnated wire since last June.

Wm. Pobit of Vancouver was in town during the holiday. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Pobit, who formerly operated the blacksmith shop now owned by Dan Macdonald.

L.A.W. M. Dufor, L.A.W. L. MacLaughlin of Calgary and Miss M. Downey, R.N., of High River were weekend guests of Miss L. Young.

Miss M. Dunn of Calgary spent the week end in town the guest of Mrs. G. W. Evans.

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The New Year's dance drew a crowd of 500. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. The exuberance of other years at midnight was not so loudly manifested; thoughts of those on active service and away from home were in the minds of all.

During the height of the Christmas mail movement overseas an envelope of 100 letters in a day went packed, re-addressed and sent on their way by the salvage section of the Army Post Office at Base Post Office. Two officers there were parcels battered and fit only for the incinerator, nevertheless the salvage section performed wonders and saved many a gift that might otherwise never have reached its destined home. Carelessness in packing injudicious selection of contents loose wrapping and improper addressing were responsible for all losses.

Training was resumed at the Husar on Monday. Some came all the way from Shoultice despite the cold weather and prevalence of flu.

Along a thousand mile front stretching through dense tropical jungle across mountain ranges rising to 8000 feet down through deadly fever-stricken valleys along the India Burma border there is a small garrison. For the last year and a half this force has been the guardian of India. It has stood between the Japanese and their lust to overrun Asia; its members are drawn from all parts of the United Nations poised for attack when the order is given.

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## The Call Gleichen, Alta.

## A COUNTRY EDITOR SEES Ottawa

WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS OF CANADA BY JIM GREENBLATT, Editor of the SUN SHIRT CURRENT BARNABACHMAN

Income tax interests everyone. The new T-1 Special Form for those whose income in 1943 didn't top \$8,000, is simpler; above that bracket it is a little more complicated. The T-1 Special is 3 pages as before but the last two are taken up with showing you tables on various incomes, etc. There are 17 main questions to be answered of 14, and you must be confused this time by that 100 percent remission of tax due to the "pay-as-you-earn" plan.

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more soon to be "busting" ... a valuable blue Colorado spruce on Sir Robert Borden grave in Beechwood cemetery was found by police in a barn about four miles away; it had been backed down.

Some interesting figures are revealed on women in employment in Canada, and we mean figures 14,000. Women employed in our industry increased by 14,000 in the past twelve months, a total of 510,715; the increase in males in employment was less than a thousand; at October 1, 1943, 387,251 women were in manufacturing; 80,236 in trade, 32,258 in finance and 25,819 in agriculture. Communications, transportation construction mining and logging together accounted for about 34,450, or only 7.67 percent of the total. Only three of 15 industries in volume and second in number employed. Largest increase in number of

females at work were shown by British Columbia with a rise of 3.45 percent and by Alberta, where a 9.62 percent increase was indicated over 1942.

In the armed forces, CWA's may now carry suitcase or club bag when travelling individually. To get wounded Canadian soldiers to hospital quickly, supply trucks can be pressed into emergency service as ambulances, special sets of harness now are manufactured in Canada to provide carriage for stretchers. Soldiers in Italy temporarily relieved from front line duties now get a chance to go on Auxiliary courier duty, see famous places, hear Italian operas, see a variety of sculpture, paintings, etc. The boys are going to see films of the 1943 world's basketball series.

R.C.M.P. made a nation wide check of men throughout Canada recently in connection with mobilization regulations in poolrooms, beer parlors and similar places. The labor department now reveals that 39,719 men were questioned, 2,701 detained temporarily. Of this number 944 were charged in court with attempting to evade military call-up; 164 with failure to notify change of address, etc. while 105 deserters were nabbed; 502 found without lawful occupation were referred to Selective Service officers.

In future a farmer cannot apply for new machinery to replace used which he has sold, until he has filed a statement describing the used machinery, and reasons why he has sold it. He must also get a notice from the VFTB Board, stating that his application will be accepted. (Continued on another page)

## MORE ABOUT MIXTURES

Thirteen years work of testing some 180,000 farmers' fields of wheat have shown us that whenever anything like a crop failure or bad frost occurs in a district the next year there is a serious increase in land mixtures found in the wheat crops.

This, of course, is because in the emergency, the farmer has to use any kind of seed he can obtain. Thus we find that after a few years, during which farmers have been using better seed, the mixture increases. This all shows how important it is that all those who have the responsibility of making seed available to farmers in such times of trouble, whether private individuals, grain companies or governments, should take the utmost care to see to it that only the very best seed obtainable is distributed, for whenever bad mixtures are present in a crop the quality of the wheat tends to decline.

The Crop Testing Plan notes each year in its analyses of crop, the names of thousands of farmers who really grow good crops, and who are free from mixtures and so quite suitable for seed on their farms to sell. This Crop-Testing Plan, which is the material which suggests that should be distributed to farmers in times of drought or frost.







